



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Ilocos Norte

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Matthew J. Marcos Manotoc
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 59-20 Series of 2020

AN ORDER INDEFINITELY SUSPENDING CLASSES IN ALL LEVELS OF BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE SUBJECT TO FURTHER GUIDELINES AND DIRECTIVES THAT MAY BE ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, IN ORDER TO PREVENT COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION, MINIMIZE THE MOVEMENT OF INDIVIDUALS, AND ABATE THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE.

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of local government units to promote the right to health of the people and instill consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code of 1991 provides provinces shall exercise powers necessary, appropriate or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of general welfare, health and safety including the provisions of services to control communicable diseases;

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922 declaring the Philippines under the State of Public Health Emergency by reason of the Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19);

WHEREAS, the abovementioned proclamation capacitates Local Government Units (LGUs) to immediately act to prevent loss of life, utilize appropriate resources to implement urgent and critical measures to contain or prevent the spread of COVID-19, mitigate its effects and impact to the community, and prevent serious disruption of the functioning of the government and community;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte, in coordination with the DOH, DILG and other agencies has been implementing safety and precautionary measures since the confirmation of transmission of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Inter Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases through Resolution No. 11, series of 2020, dated March 12, 2020, has effectively raised the Code Alert System for COVID-19 to Code Red Sublevel 2;

WHEREAS, concrete and proactive steps must be undertaken to prevent, contain and restrict the possibility of spreading COVID-19 within the territorial jurisdiction of Ilocos Norte;

WHEREAS, after due consultation with the concerned agencies and stakeholders, it was determined that there is a need to suspend classes in all levels of both public and private schools in Ilocos Norte to prevent community transmission, to minimize the movement of individuals, and to abate the spread of the COVID-19.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW J. MARCOS MANOTOC, Governor of the Province of Ilocos Norte, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order that:

Section 1. SUSPENSION OF CLASSES. Classes for all levels in public or private schools in the Province of Ilocos Norte are hereby indefinitely suspended starting from the issuance of this Executive Order until further notice subject to the guidelines and directives from the education departments and the National Government;

Section 2. DUTIES OF THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION. School officials and administrators are: (a) instructed to immediately sanitize and disinfect their classrooms and facilities to prevent the transmission of the COVID-19 and shall not allow any student/pupil to enter school premises during the suspension period; and (b) adopt measures to complete academic courses without convening students;

Section 3. DUTIES OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS. Parents and guardians are directed to monitor their children or ward(s), as the case may be, and confine their children/ward(s) within their residences and to participate in homeschooling should the students' schools provide for one;

Section 4. REPEALING CLAUSE. Any or all Executive Orders previously issued inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly;

Section 5. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon approval.

Done this _____ day of MAR 13 2020, 2020.

SO ORDERED.

